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Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 13 September 2005, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixtieth session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development:

"(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

"(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

"(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

"(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

"(e) Sustainable development in mountain regions;

"(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005;

"(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

"(h) Convention on Biological Diversity;

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"(i) Rendering assistance to poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas;"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 20th to 23rd meetings, on 2 and 3 November 2005. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/60/SR.20-23). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 2nd to 7th meetings, from 3 to 5 October 2005 (see A/C.2/60/SR.2-7). Action on the item was taken at the 27th, 33rd, 35th and 36th meetings, on 10 November and 2, 9 and 13 December 2005 (see A/C.2/60/SR.27, 33, 35 and 36). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be provided in the addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Relevant sections of the report of the Economic and Social Council for 2005 on the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development at its thirteenth session and on the work of the United Nations Forum on Forests at its fourth session[1]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session[2]

Identical letters dated 18 May 2005 from the representative of Qatar to the Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly (A/60/79)

Letter dated 5 July 2005 from the representative of Jamaica to the Secretary-General (A/60/111)

Letter dated 13 July 2005 from the representative of Kazakhstan to the Secretary-General (A/60/129)

[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/60/3).

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 25* and addendum (A/60/25 and Add.1).

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting a report by the World Tourism Organization on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism (A/60/167)

Letter dated 6 September 2005 from the representative of the Russian Federation to the Secretary-General (A/60/336)

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Letter dated 11 July 2005 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Turkey and the United States of America to the Secretary-General (A/60/115)

Report of the Secretary-General on actions taken in organizing the activities of the International Decade for Action, "Water for Life", 2005-2015 (A/60/158)

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development (A/60/261 and Corr.1)

(b) Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Report of the Secretary-General on the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (A/60/401)

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (A/60/180)

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions (A/60/171)

(e) Sustainable development in mountain regions

Letter dated 25 October 2005 from the representative of Peru to the Secretary-General (A/C.2/60/4)

Report of the Secretary-General on sustainable mountain development (A/60/309)

(f) Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the implementation of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005

Letter dated 31 May 2005 from the representative of Germany to the Secretary-General (A/60/82)

Report of the Secretary-General on the promotion of new and renewable sources of energy, including the culmination of the World Solar Programme 1996-2005 (A/60/154)

(g) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of preparations for the International Year of Deserts and Desertification, 2006 (A/60/169)

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions (A/60/171)

(h) Convention on Biological Diversity

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of United Nations environmental conventions (A/60/171)

(i) Rendering assistance to the poor mountain countries to overcome obstacles in socio-economic and ecological areas

No advance documentation was submitted under sub-item (i).

4. At the 20th meeting, on 2 November, introductory statements were made by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic Development and the Deputy Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization, the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (under sub-item (c)), the Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (under sub-item (g)), the Officer-in-Charge of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (under sub-item (d)), the Liaison Officer for the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (under sub-item (h)), the Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Director of the Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (see A/C.2/60/SR.20).

5. Also at the 20th meeting, the Minister of Environment of Algeria made an introductory statement (under sub-item (g)) (see A/C.2/60/SR.20).

6. At the same meeting, pursuant to section C, paragraph 3 (d), of the annex to General Assembly resolution 58/316, the Committee held a dialogue with the officials listed above, during which comments were made and questions were posed by the representatives of the Dominican Republic and Tuvalu (see A/C.2/60/SR.20).

7. Also at the same meeting, the Under-Secretary-General and High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States made a statement (see A/C.2/60/SR.20).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.14/Rev.1

8. On 8 November 2005, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "The use of spirulina to combat hunger and malnutrition and help achieve sustainable development" (A/C.2/60/L.14/Rev.1), submitted by the representative of the Dominican Republic on behalf of Burundi, Cameroon, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Paraguay, which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Noting with concern* that hunger and malnutrition are a major impediment to sustainable development, and reaffirming that reducing hunger is a primary target of the Millennium Development Goals,

"*Recognizing* the value of new technologies to enhance food security in environmentally compatible ways, including through public-private alliances for rural development,

"*Noting* that the nutritional benefits of spirulina (food micro-algae) have been reported in academic research and in the work of agencies of the United Nations system, including the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and the World Health Organization,

"*Noting in particular* that the merits of spirulina have been recognized through the adoption of international agreements, namely the Free Agreement for Cooperation in Scientific Research and Humanitarian Use of Micro-alga Spirulina as Food and the Convention for the Use of Food Micro-algae and the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Spirulina against Malnutrition,

"*Taking into account* that an intergovernmental organization known as 'Convention for the Use of Food Micro-algae and the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Spirulina against Malnutrition' has been established in keeping with the above agreements and has been granted observer status in the work of the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with Council decision 2003/212 of 5 March 2003,

"*Aiming* to encourage greater attention to the production and use of spirulina for the reduction of hunger and poverty and to combat the food crises,

"1. *Takes note* of the potential of spirulina to reduce hunger and malnutrition and to improve the prospects for sustainable development;

"2. *Calls upon* Member States, United Nations agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations and the private sector, to encourage the production and use of spirulina;

"3. *Emphasizes* the importance of assisting national activities for the production and use of spirulina, especially in member countries of the Convention for the Use of Food Micro-algae and the Intergovernmental Institution for the Use of Spirulina against Malnutrition;

"4. *Decides* to review, at its sixty-second session, the progress made in these areas, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report, through the Economic and Social Council, on the relevant efforts."

9. At the 35th meeting, on 9 December, the representative of the Dominican Republic withdrew draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.14/Rev.1 (see A/C.2/60/SR.35).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.24 and A/C.2/60/L.60

10. At the 27th meeting, on 10 November 2005, the representative of Jamaica, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and

China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session" (A/C.2/60/L.24), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 56/193 of 21 December 2001, 57/251 of 20 December 2002, 58/209 of 23 December 2003 and 59/226 of 22 December 2004,

"*Reaffirming* Agenda 21 and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ('Johannesburg Plan of Implementation'),

"*Reaffirming also* the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the principal body within the United Nations system in the field of environment, which should take into account, within its mandate, the sustainable development needs of developing countries,

"*Reaffirming further* that capacity-building and technology support to developing countries in environment-related fields are important components of the mandate of the United Nations Environment Programme,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-third session and the decisions contained therein;

"2. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building of the United Nations Environment Programme, calls for the intensification of ongoing efforts to mobilize resources for its expeditious implementation, and requests to be kept informed of its implementation;

"3. *Also welcomes* the continued efforts by the United Nations Environment Programme towards the strengthening of environmental emergency response and disaster prevention, preparedness and early warning systems in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster;

"4. *Notes* the need to further strengthen the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme, to enable it to continue to improve the quantity and quality of environmental data and statistics, including the reinforcement of the scientific capacity of developing countries, through the provision of scientific and technical assistance;

"5. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue to strengthen its activities related to small island developing States and least developed countries, in pursuance of the outcome of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, held in Port Louis from 10 to 14 January 2005, and the Brussels Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010;

"6. *Emphasizes* the need to further enhance coordination and cooperation among the relevant United Nations organizations in the promotion of the environmental dimension of sustainable development, and in this respect welcomes the continued participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the United Nations Development Group;

"7. *Invites* Governments in a position to do so to provide additional resources to the Environment Fund to enable the United Nations Environment Programme to fully and effectively implement the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-Building;

"8. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the provisions of section III.B of the appendix to decision SS.VII/1 of the Governing Council on strengthening the role and financial situation of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the significant broadening of the donor base and increasing total contributions to the Environment Fund, and, in this regard, notes that the Governing Council will review the implementation of those provisions at its twenty-fourth session;

"9. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and in accordance with resolution 2997 (XXVII) underlines the need to consider the adequate reflection of all administrative and management costs of the Environment Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget, and requests the Secretary-General to consider an increase in such financial allocations;

"10. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the Environment Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Environment Programme and to the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

"11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-first session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"12. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session an item entitled 'Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session'."

11. At its 36th meeting, on 13 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session" (A/C.2/60/L.60), submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.24.

12. Also at the 36th meeting, the Secretary read out an oral statement of programme budget implications.

13. At the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman orally corrected operative paragraph 6.

14. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.60, as orally corrected (see para. 25, draft resolution I).

15. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.60, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.24 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft resolutions A/C.2/60/L.26 and A/C.2/60/L.44

16. At the 27th meeting, on 10 November, the representative of Jamaica, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and

China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" (A/C.2/60/L.26), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 56/212 of 21 December 2001 and its decision 58/573 of 13 September 2004,

"*Recalling also* its resolution 58/232 of 23 December 2003, by which it approved the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization,

"*Recalling further* the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 10 October 1980, the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and Agenda 21 of 14 June 1992, and taking note of the Amman Declaration on Peace through Tourism of 11 November 2000, the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, the Declaration of Barbados and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, the Mauritius Declaration and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, and the Brussels Declaration and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,

"*Noting* the growing socio-economic importance of tourism all over the world, especially in developing countries,

"*Stressing* the substantial contribution of tourism to poverty eradication, sustained economic growth and sustainable development, as well as cultural understanding and peace among nations and the achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;

"2. *Expresses its satisfaction* with the establishment of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics, composed of high-level experts, for the implementation of the principles of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;

"3. *Commends* the agreement on the Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;

"4. *Reiterates the invitation* to Member States to consider introducing, as appropriate, the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism in their national legislations and relevant laws, regulations and professional practices, and, in this regard, recognizes with appreciation those Member States that have already done so;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the World Tourism Organization to take all the necessary measures to provide the World Committee on Tourism Ethics with institutional and administrative support for the complete and successful accomplishment of its work;

"6. *Calls upon* Member States and other stakeholders to give support to the activities undertaken by the World Tourism Organization in favour of developing countries, and to its sustainable tourism programme for eliminating poverty, and also calls upon donor countries to provide funding to the Sustainable Tourism-

Eliminating Poverty (ST-EP) Foundation and, where appropriate, to the ST-EP Trust Fund;

"7. *Emphasizes* the need for the promotion of sustainable tourism for the benefit of all sectors of society;

"8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the developments relating to the implementation of the present resolution on the basis of the reports of the World Tourism Organization."

17. At its 33rd meeting, on 2 December, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Global Code of Ethics for Tourism" (A/C.2/60/L.44), which was submitted by the Vice-Chairman, Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.26.

18. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

19. Also at the same meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), orally corrected the text of the draft resolution.

20. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.44, as orally corrected (see para. 25, draft resolution II).

21. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.44, draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.24 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

D. Draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.57

22. At the 36th meeting, on 13 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), introduced a draft resolution entitled "International Year of the Potato, 2008" (A/C.2/60/L.57).

23. Also at the 36th meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

24. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/60/L.57 (see para. 25, draft resolution III).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

25. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I
Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-third session

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2997 (XXVII) of 15 December 1972, 53/242 of 28 July 1999, 56/193 of 21 December 2001, 57/251 of 20 December 2002, 58/209 of 23 December 2003 and 59/226 of 22 December 2004,

Taking into account Agenda 21[1] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[2]

Reaffirming the role of the United Nations Environment Programme as the principal body within the United Nations system in the field of environment, which should take into account, within its mandate, the sustainable development needs of developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition,

Reaffirming also that capacity-building and technology support to developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, in environment-related fields are important components of the work of the United Nations Environment Programme,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme at its twenty-third session and the decisions contained therein;[3]

2. *Notes* that the Governing Council, at its twenty-third session, discussed all components of the recommendations on international environmental governance as contained in its decision SS.VII/1,[4] and notes that reporting on international environmental governance is included on the agenda of its ninth special session;

3. *Welcomes* the adoption of the Bali Strategic Plan for Technology Support and Capacity-building,[5] calls for the intensification of ongoing efforts to implement the Plan with regard both to mobilizing adequate resources, from all sources, as well as the strengthening of cooperation between the United Nations Environment Programme and other stakeholders, based on their comparative advantages, and invites Governments and other stakeholders in a position to do so to provide the necessary funding and technical assistance for its full implementation;

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[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 2, annex.

[3] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixtieth Session, Supplement No. 25* and addendum (A/60/25 and Add.1).

[4] Ibid., *Fifty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 25* (A/57/25), annex I.

[5] UNEP/GC.23/6/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex.

4. *Also welcomes* the continued efforts by the United Nations Environment Programme through the joint United Nations Environment Programme/Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs Environment Unit, taking into account the respective mandates of relevant United Nations entities towards the strengthening of environmental emergency response and disaster prevention, preparedness and early warning systems;

5. *Emphasizes* the need for the United Nations Environment Programme, within its mandate, to further contribute to sustainable development programmes, the implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation at all levels and to the work of the Commission on Sustainable Development, bearing in mind the mandate of the Commission;

6. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen the scientific base of the United Nations Environment Programme, as recommended by the intergovernmental consultation on strengthening the scientific base, including the reinforcement of the scientific capacity of developing countries, as well as countries with economies in transition, including through the provision of adequate financial resources;

7. *Recalls* the resolve of Member States to promote the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes throughout their life cycle, in accordance with Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, aiming to achieve that, by 2020, chemicals are used and produced in ways that lead to the minimization of significant adverse effects on human health and the environment using transparent and science-based risk assessment and risk management procedure, by adopting and implementing a voluntary strategic approach to international management of chemicals, and to support developing countries in strengthening their capacity for the sound management of chemicals and hazardous wastes by providing technical and financial assistance, as appropriate;

8. *Calls upon* the United Nations Environment Programme to continue within its mandate its activities related to small island developing States, in pursuance of the outcome of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States held in Port Louis, in January 2005;[6]

9. *Emphasizes* the need to further enhance coordination and cooperation among the relevant United Nations organizations in the promotion of the environmental dimension of sustainable development, and welcomes the continued active participation of the United Nations Environment Programme in the United Nations Development Group;

10. *Welcomes* the progress made in the implementation of the provisions of section III.B. of the appendix to decision SS.VII/1 of the Governing Council on strengthening the role and financial situation of the United Nations Environment Programme, including the significant broadening of the donor base and increasing total contributions to the Environment Fund, and in this regard notes that the Governing Council will review the implementation of those provisions at its twenty-fourth session;

11. *Reiterates* the need for stable, adequate and predictable financial resources for the United Nations Environment Programme, and, in accordance with General Assembly

[6] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

resolution 2997 (XXVII), underlines the need to consider the adequate reflection of all administrative and management costs of the Environment Programme in the context of the United Nations regular budget;

12. *Emphasizes* the importance of the Nairobi headquarters location of the United Nations Environment Programme, and requests the Secretary-General to keep the resource needs of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Office at Nairobi under review so as to permit the delivery, in an effective manner, of necessary services to the Programme and to the other United Nations organs and organizations in Nairobi;

13. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-first session, under the item entitled "Sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its ninth special session".

Draft resolution II
Global Code of Ethics for Tourism

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/212 of 21 December 2001 and its decision 58/573 of 13 September 2004,

Recalling also its resolution 58/232 of 23 December 2003, by which it approved the Agreement between the United Nations and the World Tourism Organization,

Recalling further the Manila Declaration on World Tourism of 10 October 1980,[1] the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development[2] and Agenda 21[3] of 14 June 1992, and taking note of the Amman Declaration on Peace through Tourism of 11 November 2000,[4] the Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development[5] and the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on Sustainable Development,[6] the Declaration of Barbados[7] and the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[8] the Mauritius Declaration[9] and the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States,[10] and the Brussels Declaration[11] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[12]

Recognizing the important dimension and role of tourism as a positive instrument towards the eradication of poverty and the improvement of the quality of life for all people, its potential to make a contribution to economic and social development, especially of the developing countries, and its emergence as a vital force for the promotion of international understanding, peace and prosperity,

1. *Takes note* of the note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report by the World Tourism Organization on the implementation of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;[13]

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[1] A/36/236, annex, appendix I.

[2] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigenda), vol. I: *Resolutions adopted by the Conference*, resolution 1, annex I.

[3] Ibid., annex II.

[4] See A/55/640.

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.

[6] Ibid., resolution II, annex.

[7] *Report of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Bridgetown, Barbados, 25 April-6 May 1994* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.94.I.18 and corrigenda), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[8] Ibid., annex II.

[9] *Report of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States, Port Louis, Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.05.II.A.4 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

[10] Ibid., annex II.

[11] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[12] Ibid., chap. II.

[13] A/60/167.

2. *Notes with interest* the establishment of the World Committee on Tourism Ethics as adopted by the World Tourism Organization General Assembly in 2001;

3. *Notes* the approval by the World Committee on Tourism Ethics of the Procedures for Consultation and Conciliation for the Settlement of Disputes concerning the Application of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism;

4. *Reiterates* the invitation to Member States and other stakeholders to consider introducing, as appropriate, the contents of the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism in their relevant laws, regulations and professional practices, and, in this regard, recognizes with appreciation those Member States that have already done so;

5. *Recognizes* the need to promote sustainable tourism development, including non-consumptive and ecotourism, taking into account the spirit of the International Year of Ecotourism, 2002, the United Nations Year for Cultural Heritage 2002, the World Ecotourism Summit 2002 and its Quebec Declaration on Ecotourism and the Global Code of Ethics for Tourism,[14] as adopted by the World Tourism Organization, in order to increase the benefits from tourism resources for the population in host communities while maintaining the cultural and environmental integrity of the host communities and enhancing the protection of ecologically sensitive areas and natural heritages and to promote sustainable tourism development and capacity-building in order to contribute to the strengthening of rural and local communities;

6. *Invites* Member States and other stakeholders to give support to the activities undertaken by the World Tourism Organization in favour of sustainable tourism in developing countries for the eradication of poverty;

7. *Emphasizes* the need for the promotion of responsible and sustainable tourism for the protection and safeguarding of natural and cultural heritage that could be beneficial to all sectors of society and the natural environment towards the achievement of sustainable development;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-fifth session on the developments relating to the implementation of the present resolution on the basis of the reports of the World Tourism Organization.

[14] See E/2001/61, annex.

Draft resolution III
International Year of the Potato, 2008

The General Assembly,

Noting that the potato is a staple food in the diet of the world's population,

Recalling resolution 4/2005 of the Conference of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, adopted on 25 November 2005,

Affirming the need to focus world attention on the role that the potato can play in providing food security and eradicating poverty in support of achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals,

1. *Decides* to declare 2008 the International Year of the Potato;

2. *Invites* the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations to facilitate the implementation of the International Year of the Potato, in collaboration with Governments, the United Nations Development Programme, the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research centres and other relevant organizations of the United Nations system, as well as relevant non-governmental organizations.